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Applicants: Joachim Kiefer and Oemer Uensal  
Title: Mixture Comprising Sulphonic Acid Containing Vinyl, Polymer Electrolyte Membrane  
Comprising Polyvinylsulphonic Acid and the Use Thereof in Fuel Cells  
Attorney's Docket No.: 3799.1003-000

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- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

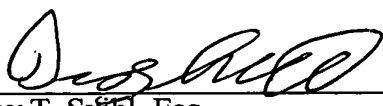
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